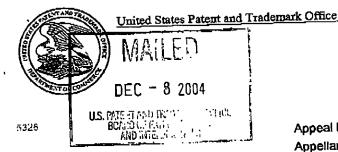
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REQUEST TO PRESENT ARGUMENTS VIA TELEPHONE

Dear Sir:

A hearing has been set and confirmed for the subject case (Appeal No. 2004-2057) on Thursday, February 24, 2005. Appellant hereby respectfully requests to present arguments via telephone in accordance with MPEP § 1209.

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